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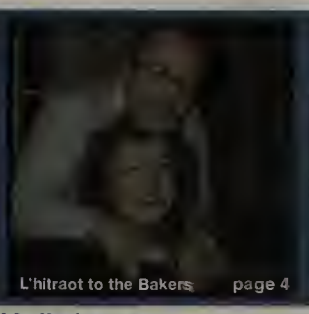

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March of the Living: an inspiring journey

By Rhoda Levitan

On April 28, nine Ottawa high school students left on a journey. With them were David Shentow, a Holocaust survivor, his wife Rose, and myself. We were the Ottawa contingent of the 2008 March of the Living and were on our way to meet the rest of the coast-to-coast contingent.

With participants from Halifax to Victoria Island, it was a wonderful group of young people and chaperones. Three buses full, we were off to explore, learn and, yes, have some fun, in Poland and Israel.

Throughout Poland, we learned about and saw the places where Jewish life was vibrant and rich with culture and tradition before the Holocaust. We saw the death camps with their extensive infrastructure designed for horror, torture and destruction. We also got a taste of how life has continued after the Holocaust and of how a country and its citizens express remorse and rebuild.

We cried, we sat in silence and wonder, and we questioned the abilities of human beings. We learned about intolerance, human rights and human dignity. We learned how to treat others, no matter what their origin. We learned from what we saw: bad and good. We learned the huge value of small acts of kindness and of doing the right thing by protecting the innocent.

We were witness to a mass grave of 5,000 Jews from shtetls near Lublin. Our Polish guide had learned of the site and stopped at local gas stations to find it. On a fluke, an elderly man was walking by.

In Polish, he explained to our guide that he had witnessed these killings as a 17-year-old who lived next door to the empty lot in the woods. He told us the story of how, over three days, 5,000 Jews were

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Ottawa students in Israel following the March of the Living (from left to right): Hailey Abramsky (Kingston), Josh Levitan, Hannah Gennis, Tamara Bubis, Keila Paul, Mat Levinson, Harrison Freeman, Brody Appotive and Hilary Hendin. Absent from photo: Tal-or Ben-Choreen. (Photo: Rhoda Levitan)

Days of sadness and joy as Israelis mark 60th anniversary

By Liana Shlien

Editor's note: Bulletin *freelancer Liono Shlien was in Israel for Yom Hazikaron ond Yom Ha'Atzmaut and sent this exclusive report.*

Past and future, memory and hope marked the 60th anniversary of the founding of the State of Israel last month.

Like tens of thousands of others from around the world, I made the journey last month to stand in solidarity with Israelis on Yom Ha'Atzmaut – and to experience the celebrations there.

As a country whose independence came at a high price, and where nearly everyone seems to know, or know of, a victim of war or terror, Israel tempered its joy with sadness as it recalled the memory of its fallen soldiers and civilians.

Silent streets and closed shops and restaurants reflected how seriously Israelis observe Yom Hazikaron (Memorial Day). The sombre mood of the country on Yom Hazikaron was in sharp contrast to the Independence Day festivities that followed.

As dusk fell on Erev Yom Hazikaron in the working-class city of Ramla, population 65,000, located between Tel Aviv and Jerusalem, new immigrant children with origins as diverse as Ethiopia, Colombia and India crowded onto an outdoor basketball court. There they stood at attention, alongside their parents, while young soldiers in uniform read out the names of local residents who fell in Israel's wars.

At 8 pm, the first of two sirens to honour those who died defending Israel since 1948 brought evening traffic to a standstill. Even those speeding along the highway stopped and stood outside their vehicles for a moment of silence. The second came the next morning at 11.

But the following evening, on Erev Yom Ha'Atzmaut, the country's mood transformed from solemn remembrance to a joyful celebration of national pride.

At sunset, thousands of revellers of all ages and nationalities crowded into Tel Aviv's Rabin Square to sing along to traditional folk songs while waiting for the evening's highlight: a spectacular fireworks and laser show. This year's theme was children and, indeed, many were seen taking part in the peculiar Israeli traditions of spraying people with shaving cream and bopping each other with inflatable blue-and-white plastic bammers.

While several massive daytime outdoor concerts were organized to mark the milestone anniversary, many Israelis reserved the day for

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Arriving in Israel, we were home

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marched to the site and made to dig their own graves. He watched as the Nazis shot them and they fell into the pits. We said Kaddish for those 5,000 of our brethren who may not be remembered by anyone else. It was a very touching moment for all of us.

When we left Warsaw and flew to Tel Aviv, we were home. We were in Israel and, yes, it is very real and very beautiful!

In Poland, we had marched – proudly but pensively – with 8,000 other Jews from Auschwitz to Birkenau. As the sunshine turned to rain, a cold wind chilled our bones. We witnessed and we remembered.

In Jerusalem, on Yom Ha'Atzmaut, we marched again: this time, from City Hall Square to the Kotel. We were there with Jews from around the world and there was a great sense of pride and strength as we celebrated the 60th anniversary of the founding of the State of Israel. *Am Yisrael Chai!*

We saw a group from Belgium and went to say hello. I introduced David, *our survivor*, who was from Antwerp. These young men attend the same Jewish high school that David had before he was deported and sent to the camps. He cried and they were in awe. It was an amazing thing to witness.

When we left on our journey, we barely knew each other. On May 13, we returned home *as a group*. We had shared something that will stay with each of us forever. We had bonded.

The Ottawa students who went on the 2008 March of the Living – Brody Appotive, Harrison Freeman, Mathew Levinson, Josh Levitan, Tal-or Ben-Choreen, Tamara Bubis, Hannah Gennis, Hilary Hendin and Keila Paul – are an extraordinary group of young people who reaffirmed my faith and hope for the future of Judaism. Our community is lucky to have young people like them.

Participants in the 2008 Adult March of the Living in the Old Town Square, Warsaw, Poland (from left to right): Peter Waiser, Ellen Cherney, Leiba Krantzberg, Ellen Miller, Sharon Kangisser Cohen (guide), Lynn Levitan, Linda Kerzner, Semyon Ioffe, Valerie Terkel, Liz Petigorsky, Gabriel Terkel, Deb Katz (Calgary), Larry Katz (Calgary), Lorie Shentow (Toronto), Jack Silverstein, Rabbi Mendel Blum. (Photo courtesy of Peter Waiser)

Obama: Iraq war jeopardized Israel

(JTA) – Senator Barack Obama told an AIPAC conference that the Iraq war had endangered Israel.

"Because of war in Iraq, Iran, which always posed a greater threat than Iraq, is em-boldened," the Illinois senator and presumptive Democratic presidential nominee said June 4 at the annual American Israel Public Affairs Committee policy forum.

In a wide-ranging speech, Obama said he would be steadfast in his support for Israel and praised the Jewish state for destroying a nuclear reactor in Syria last September.

"I will do everything in my power to prevent Iran from obtaining a nuclear weapon," he said to a standing ovation while defending his policy of using direct diplomacy to persuade Iran to end its suspected nuclear weapons program.

In a response organized by the campaign of Senator John McCain, the presumptive Republican nominee, Senator Joseph Lieberman said Obama was wrong to blame Iran's resurgent power on the Iraq war.

"If Israel is in danger today, it is not because of American foreign policy," Lieberman said in a conference call. "It's because Iran is a terrorist, expansionist state.".

Correction
Issie Rose photo caption

Due to incorrect information supplied to the *Bulletin*, the caption for the picture of Issie Rose published in the May 19 issue misidentified the person with him as his late wife, Rossie. It was, in fact, his sister, Eve Hotimsky.

Federation AGM

This issue of the *Bulletin* went to press before the Federation AGM on June 11. Watch for coverage of the meeting in the July 21 edition.

60th anniversary song blends folk and hip hop

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family outings to public parks and beaches where barbecues and military air shows were the entertainment *du jour*.

Those who stayed home could watch a marathon of Yom Ha'Atzmaut TV programming, paying tribute to various segments of Israeli society – soldiers, volunteers, writers and musical performers.

One of the songs heard most often was a new version of *Bat Shishim* (60 Years Old) celebrating Israel at 60 that blends the sounds of traditional Israeli folk with contemporary hip hop. Only in Israel could Subliminal, a chart-topping hip-hop artist, team up with Gevatron, a kibbutz-based folk group, to record the nation's birthday song.

The song's catchy chorus, referring to the state at 60, translates as "The past now behind her, she looks forward to what is coming." A cliché, to be sure, but one that sums up well the hopeful mood of Israelis as the country begins its seventh decade.

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L'hitraot to Ambassador Alan and Dalia Baker

By Shelli Kimmel
Canadian Friends
of Hebrew University

My first encounter with Alan Baker set the stage for our future relationship. I was on Mount Scopus, at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, for the dedication of a Torah from the students of McGill Hillel in memory of the Hebrew U students who died in the bombing of the Frank Sinatra Cafeteria. One of the addresses was delivered by Israel's newly appointed ambassador to Canada. I introduced myself and we spoke for a few minutes.

Two months later, I was privileged to welcome Ambassador Alan Baker and his wife, Dalia, to Ottawa at a Federation event and then at a luncheon in their honour hosted by the executive of the Ottawa Chapter of Canadian Friends of Hebrew University (CFHU).

As alumni of Hebrew University, both the ambassador and Dalia have a strong connection to the institution. Dalia maintained her connection through her professional career, working for the School of Business Administration, the Rothberg International School and the School for Applied Sciences.

The Bakers are warm and welcoming and have opened their home and their hearts to both CFHU and State of Israel Bonds (SIB). Shortly after arriving in Ottawa, Dalia hosted a CFHU donors' lunch where she spoke passionately about the students at Hebrew U and their needs. State of Israel Bonds Canada, too, has enjoyed their hospitality. The installation of officers and the Golda Meir pinning have been held at Kinneret, the ambassador's residence.

The ambassador has a great appreciation for the importance of State of Israel Bonds and was helpful in generating a diverse spectrum of investment support for Israel that has transcended the Jewish community, serving as the honourary chair for *To Build and Be Built*, an inter-faith event held in the fall.

It is with great sadness that Baker's term-of-office is coming to an end. Both CFHU and SIB have had a close relationsbip with the Bakers and they will be missed in Ottawa. As a result, the two organizations have teamed up to host a farewell dessert reception. Given the ambassador's love of music, it is only fitting that the evening be filled with music including performances by Ottawa jazz saxophonist Nathan Cepelinski and Toronto's Hallelujah Drummers.

CFHU and State of Israel Bonds have invited the community to join in bidding *L'hitraot* to Ambassador Alan and Dalia Baker. The event will take place at 7:30 pm on Wednesday, June 25, at Agudath Israel Congregation. Tickets are $25 per person.

Net proceeds and additional donations from the evening will be used to purchase an Israel Bond to fund the Alan & Dalia Baker Endowed Scholarship for Perpetual Student Aid in Education at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. The recipient will be alternatively a student from the Kiryat Shmona or Sderot area, where there are fewer opportunities to attend University.

Tickets may be purchased and contributions to the scholarship fund made online at *www.cfhu.org*, by calling the Ottawa office of CFHU at 613-829-3150 or the Ottawa office of State of Israel Bonds Canada at 613-792-1142.

Ottawa will bid L'hitraot to Ambassador Alan and Dalia Baker June 25.

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Facing the challenges of Jewish education

Federation Report

Jonathan Freedman
Chair

Reflecting on my past year as chair of the Federation, I see a year filled with accomplishments, of exciting activities, challenges, and, most importantly, people who have shown us what remarkable strength of character and determination can accomplish.

People like Alina Spaulding, who told her inspiring story at our 2008 Campaign launch, telling us about the generosity of the worldwide Jewish community in coming to her family's rescue from the former Soviet Union. Spaulding credited all that she is and has today to that generosity.

At our Women's Campaign *Choices* event, controversial writer Irshad Manji told 300 women that making difficult choices can shape lives and affect change while Ruth Messinger, president of the American Jewish World Service, spoke passionately at the Lion of Judah dinner about how women are realizing their highest potential as strategic philanthropists and concerned leaders in our Jewish communities.

We met Israelis under siege in Sderot and the family members of missing Israeli soldiers who came to Ottawa and shared their heart-wrenching stories of fear, loss and, despite all else, hope.

We rejoiced with Israel as it celebrated 60 years of statehood and can only marvel at a country that exceeded all expectations to become a world leader on many fronts. As Alan Dershowitz said, "The Jewish nation has turned deserts into gardens, swamps into orchards and sand dunes into cities … Israel made the best of what it had."

We, too, need to make the best of what we have, particularly as we face one of the greatest challenges to our community.

Our two major day schools, Hillel Academy and Yitzhak Rabin High School, are experiencing falling enrolment and financial shortfalls.

We cannot ignore their calls for support. North American studies on education indicate that day school education, in particular, Jewish high-school education, is the best investment in ensuring Jewish continuity. The Federation's Jewish Outreach, Identity and Education Committee members have spent many hours developing a vision for lifelong Jewish education.

Education costs a lot of money and there is no magic solution to the challenges facing our educational institutions. Meeting those challenges will require many different actions and the co-operation of parents, teachers, administrators, lay leaders and donors; and a commitment to, and belief in, the importance of this cornerstone of Jewish continuity and of its potential.

We have limited resources. The Federation cannot spend more money on education as that will require us to cut budgets in other areas. We do not want to cut our allocations to the vulnerable.

Really great schools cost money. Our tuition rates, below those of most other Jewish schools in North America, don't reflect the true cost providing education. We must change how we assess tuition.

First, we must convince parents that the financial sacrifice is worthwhile because their children are receiving a strong, positive, lifetime Jewish experience in our institutions, that all programs far surpass Ministry and public school standards.

Second, our schools must find an easy, equitable and assessable way to allow those who cannot afford the full costs of tuition to enrol their children.

Third, we must convince donors to assist our schools in becoming excellent academic institutions. Once we are charging the full cost of education, we will need donations to support subsidies for those in need for enrichments that will allow our Jewish students to achieve the highest standards of excellence.

Our schools deserve the best equipment, modern books, and all the bells and whistles that will make them exciting places of learning. If our schools become exciting and innovative, donors will be happy to offer continued support.

None of this can happen without leadership. Federation can provide overall stewardship for the process, but cannot run the schools on a daily basis. We have neither the staff nor the lay leadership to doing that. That is the job of the schools and their boards.

Just as many Jewish organizations have been going through the process of modernizing their governance, our schools, too, must modernize their governance and we are prepared to assist them in that endeavour.

Join me in looking ahead to a year of possibilities. A year where we dig in our heels and make difficult but necessary choices that will change the course of our future and the future of our next generation of leaders.

High school should be on the Jewish Community Campus

From the pulpit

Rabbi Howard Finkelstein
Beit Tikvah

From a rabbinical, educational and personal point of view, I have been gratified to note that our Federation is increasing its interest in promoting Jewish high school education in Ottawa through its various symposia and meetings. That the ongoing disintegration of Jewish education in Ottawa, as noted by decline in enrolment, is receiving needed attention by our community leaders is heartening and encouraging. At the same time, there is still a barrier set up by various sectors of our community who fail to understand that the future of Ottawa's Jewish population lies with support for our Jewish high schools.

It makes no sense whatsoever in this day and age that there would still be opposition to a Jewish community high school in Ottawa, a phenomenon that is prevalent in every major and moderate sized Jewish community in North America. The flight of Jews to public high schools and private secular institutions is incomprehensible and upsetting in light of the fact that intensive Jewish education on a secondary level is a known deterrent to the rampant assimilation that threatens to engulf large numbers of Jews. The failure to provide a strong base in Judaism to our young is an open invitation to the forces of assimilation to overcome a weak, illiterate and unknowing segment of our population. How many more Jews are we willing to lose?

This is not the time for apologetics. We do not find it necessary to repeat, time and time again, that students from our Jewish high schools excel in universities with scholarships, and become prominent in their chosen professions. We do not have to reiterate that the secular education provided in Jewish high schools surpasses that of secular schools. What we do have to indicate is that this is a *Sheat Hadchak*, an emergency situation, as fewer and fewer students enrol, at both the elementary and high school levels, endangering their continued existence.

I look at Yitzhak Rabin High School, a school I have been proud to be associated with since its inception, and ask why there are not more students attending. I ask why the community has not stepped forward to provide decent facilities for the students of YRHS who come from every Jewish denomination in Ottawa, as well as from non-affiliated homes.

While appreciating the interest of the Federation in the survivability and viability of YRHS, I wonder if the Federation leadership will take the initiative of partnering with the Avi Chai Foundation in New York to create the infrastructure necessary to house YRHS. This partnership would involve an interest free loan of $500,000, matched by funds from Federation, which can be used to build an annex to Hillel Academy to provide a necessary location on the Jewish Community Campus for YRHS. There is no question in my mind that the Jewish community high school of Ottawa should be on the Jewish Community Campus.

Words, platitudes and expressions of support must be coupled with constructive action by our Federation. Infrastructure – as noted in the paragraph above – and subsidization of tuition for needy students are priorities that cannot be ignored if we want to preserve our future in Ottawa as an active, vibrant community.

"Rome burned while Nero fiddled" is not only a pithy statement, but a prophetic one for our community if we choose to ignore our future as a Jewish community in Ottawa. As a people, we have always prided ourselves on our ability to see the future, to have the vision to plan for its success. The proliferation of studies and sessions does not constitute constructive action for our future to be maintained and preserved as a Jewish community.

Talk is cheap and unproductive. The rabbis of the Talmud were prescient in their admonition to "say little and do a lot." It is time for us to act on behalf of Jewish high school education in Ottawa. Failure to act would be unforgivable.

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How would Ruth have fared at Bet Din Elyon?

Acting Editor

Michael Regenstreif

Last week was the Festival of Shavuot, which commemorates the receiving of the Torah at Mount Sinai. During Shavuot, the Book of Ruth, one of the books of *Ketuvim* – Writings – from the Jewish Bible is read at synagogue services.

Ruth was a Moabite woman – the biblical Land of Moab was located in what is now Jordan – who converted to Judaism. One of Ruth's great-grandsons was King David, one of the most revered figures in Jewish history.

A lesson we learn from the Book of Ruth is about the imperative to fully accept those who, while not born to Judaism, have embraced it. Conversion is not a modern phenomenon, it has been part of our religion since ancient times. And were it not for conversion, David would not have been Jewish as the tradition dictates matrilineal descent. If he weren't Jewish, he certainly wouldn't have been king, Jerusalem would not have become his capital, there would have been no King Solomon and the Temple would not been built. We could speculate endlessly on the *what-if* consequences of Ruth not having converted to Judaism.

It's not only because we've just celebrated Shavuot that I'm thinking about the story of Ruth. I'm thinking about Ruth because a recent high rabbinical court ruling in Israel has called non-Haredi conversion into question.

The ruling grew out of a messy divorce case in Ashdod. The wife had been converted, 15 years before, by Rabbi Chaim Druckman. The Orthodox rabbi is the head of an Israeli yeshiva and has been the director of the Israeli government's Conversion Authority for years.

The husband in the case argued that because his wife was not living a strictly Orthodox lifestyle, her conversion was illegitimate and, therefore, the marriage never *really* took place. The Haredi – or ultra-Orthodox – rabbinic court agreed and so ruled. The couple's three children, having been born of a woman now considered a gentile, were also stripped of their Jewishness.

The case was appealed to the Bet Din Elyon in Jerusalem, Israel's highest rabbinic court, where the ruling was upheld. The ruling went further and declared that all conversions performed by Rabbi Druckman, or under the authority of his office, were nullified.

In Israel, there are no provisions for civil marriage. All marriages there are under the aegis of the religious authorities. Thus, all marriages involving couples where one of the partners was converted by Rabbi Druckman, or under his authority, were similarly nullified. The ruling, written by Haredi Rabbi Avraham Sherman, further said that when converts from other countries come to Israel to be married, the marriage must not be allowed to take place if they did not "look" religious. Conversion papers from a religious court in, say, Canada or the United States would not be enough if they didn't "look" religious enough.

The Rabbinical Council of America (RCA), a body that represents more than 1,000 Orthodox rabbis in North America, issued a statement that said, "The ruling itself, as well as the language and tone thereof, are entirely beyond the pale of acceptable halachic practice, violate numerous Torah laws regarding converts and their families, create a massive desecration of God's name, insult outstanding rabbinic leaders and halachic scholars in Israel, and are a reprehensible cause of widespread conflict and animosity within the Jewish people in Israel and beyond. The RCA is appalled that such a ruling has been issued by that court."

One article I read recently, written by Rabbi Martin Lockshin, a modern Orthodox rabbi who teaches Jewish studies at York University and who is currently on sabbatical in Jerusalem, spoke about modern Orthodoxy having to fight back against the religious fundamentalism being imposed by Haredi rabbis on religious life in Israel and beyond.

The contemporary Jewish world is pluralistic. Some of us are very religious, others of us not at all. In communities like ours, we respect all Jewish denominations – ultra-Orthodox, modern Orthodox, Conservative, Reconstructionist and Reform – as equally legitimate. As the homeland of all Jewish people, I believe Israel needs to do the same.

In most arenas, Israel is among the most modern countries of the world. As a democracy, I think its democratic principles should be extended to the religious affairs of the state and that Israel should recognize the legitimacy and equality of all of our Jewish denominations.

I wonder how Ruth would have fared at the Bet Din Elyon.

The year that was: a lifetime in Canadian politics

Alan Echenberg

They say a year is a lifetime in politics. And, surely, *they* speak the truth.

Think back 12 months to where we were in this country's politics at the end of spring 2007. We had:

- a minority Conservative government in power, stuck somewhere in the low 30s in public opinion polls;
- a floundering Liberal official opposition, plagued with doubts about its leader;
- a couple of other opposition parties, the NDP and Bloc Québécois, with similarly floundering fortunes;
- a cold fish of a prime minister, unable to capture the imagination of Canadians, or to take advantage of opposition troubles to position his party for a clear shot at a majority government;
- continuous wrangling and sniping between the federal and Ontario governments;
- an increasingly nasty and petty House of Commons, and a growing expectation that Parliament was growing so dysfunctional that an election campaign was just around the corner.

That was then … and now a year – or rather a lifetime – later?

Well, actually, we have pretty much the same situation, don't we? As summer beckons, and Parliament winds down for the season, it's beginning to look a lot like last year. We still have:

- the same Conservative minority government in power, stuck in the same general area of the opinion polls. Of course, now they have a few scandals under their belts – from election-rule-breaking allegations to an internationally publicized ministerial resignation over a security breach involving an ex-girlfriend with biker-gang ties;
- the same doubts over Opposition Leader Stéphane Dion, compounded by the fact that his party keeps blasting the government's policies, while refusing to vote against government bills and provoke an early election they think they will lose;
- the NDP and the Bloc still floundering, and toying with obscurity on many of the debates of the day;
- the same cold fish prime minister, Stephen Harper, his stock somewhat diminished by the aforementioned scandals – particularly the one involving ex-foreign minister Maxime Bernier and his ex-girlfriend with the outlaw ex-spouses – and his controlling, centralizing management style increasingly under suspicion;
- continuous wrangling and sniping between the federal and Ontario governments, taken to another level over the past few months by federal Finance Minister Jim Flaherty, who has made a number of controversial speeches and other public statements criticizing the fiscal management Dalton McGuinty's provincial government;
- the sights and sounds of Parliament – and Canadian politics in general – growing even nastier and more dysfunctional over the past 12 months.

Election speculation continues, as it always does over the lifetime of any minority government. Of course, some would consider an early dissolution of this Parliament to be something of a mercy killing.

But as summer approaches, the chances of an election call fade until the fall. In fact, there is an increasing feeling on Parliament Hill that this government will go the limit and last until October 2009, when new legislation dictates that a fixed-date election will be held.

For the foreseeable future, there simply is no clear motivation for any party to prematurely pull the plug. So get used to more of the kind of politics that make a few months feel like a lifetime.

You may consider clipping and saving this column until next June. We may be in for more of the same over the next 12 months.

Or, maybe not.

In contrast to the political doldrums of this country, the politics unfolding south of the border have enthralled many Canadians. The U.S. Democratic Party presidential primaries have been no less nasty than Canadian politics, but there is a palpable sense of change, hope and re-engagement with the political process among Americans, particularly among young Americans.

Although it sometimes takes a little while, trends in the United States have a way of influencing those in Canada. If the next few months, culminating in November's U.S. election, fulfil the promise of a new kind of political culture in the States, who knows how that will affect the expectations that Canadian voters place on our own leaders?

Anything can happen. A year … a few months … a couple of weeks … is a lifetime in politics.

Column Note: I'm taking the summer off from writing this column and you'll find the talented writing of my colleague and friend Nicola Hamer in this space in July and August. If they'll still have me, I hope to be back in September. I wish all readers an enjoyable and rewarding summer.

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Despite the threatening weather, more than 400 walkers, bikers and roller bladers, seen here departing from Hillel Academy on the 9K route, helped make Walkathon 2008 a great success. (Photo: Peter Waiser)

Walkathon 2008 brings community together in solidarity

By Francie Greenspoon

Despite dark, threatening clouds, 400 people of all ages came out to support and participate in the Jewish Federation of Ottawa and Soloway Jewish Community Centre's annual 9K Walkathon on Sunday, June 1.

There was, however, a silver lining to those clouds. The rain held off for the duration of the walk and the event proved to be an enormous success, raising $40,000 for community agencies and, more importantly, bringing the community together in solidarity.

"In spite of the gloomy day, looking out at all of the people who participated, everyone was enthusiastic to be there and all had smiles on their faces," says Mark Thaw, event co-chair.

"This is what makes the community special and makes those of us who volunteer our time proud to do this.

"The whole goal is to raise awareness, get our community involved and raise necessary funds that help so many in our community."

Starting and ending at the Hillel Academy parking lot, participants walked *Proud, Strong and Together*. Some carried signs to identify the beneficiary agency they represented, while others pushed strollers and pulled wagons with young children in tow, or wove in and out along the route on bikes or roller blades.

Regardless of their means of travel, everyone was fully engaged in completing the walk to raise money for Ottawa's 29 Jewish agencies.

Building on the success of last year's walk, the *Kovod Walker* category was added this year allowing people to walk in honour of those who could not walk themselves for any reason or in memory a loved one.

There were also 24 *Chai Walkers* taking part – including entire families – each with a goal of raising $1,800.

More than 40 dedicated volunteers – manning registration tables and check points, looking after food distribution and after-walk activities – contributed to the Walkathon's success.

Back on the Jewish Community Campus at the end of the 9K route, walkers enjoyed free massages, courtesy of *Ottawa Massage Therapy*, and healthy refreshments including a variety of Israeli salads, muffins and other delectable treats.

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JNF Ottawa marks another successful year

I recently had the pleasure of meeting with JNF Ottawa board members at our Annual General Meeting to review the accomplishments of another successful year and discuss our exciting plans for the coming 12 months.

The 2007 Negev Dinner honouring Jim Orban, publisher of the *Ottawa Citizen*, with Larry King as guest speaker, was an outstanding success. More than 650 people attended and monies raised supported the Residential Village for Autistic Young Adults in Be'ersheva, Israel. Plans for this year's dinner are proceeding well and we hope to match or exceed last year's event.

Our third annual Blue Box Campaign, under the able leadership of Naomi Cracower, continues to be very successful. Our 22nd Annual Tu Bi'Shevat Telethon, with the outstanding generosity of the Ottawa Jewish community, surpassed last year's record with more than $69,000 raised. Thanks again to Robin Mader.

In honour of Israel's 60th Anniversary, the Canada-Israel Parliamentary Friendship Group hosted our "Taste of Israel" reception on Parliament Hill on February 5. More than 275 members of Parliament, senators and JNF supporters munched on delicious Israeli cuisine prepared by Israeli chefs who were on tour across Canada. That night, more than 40 women, including Laureen Harper, the wife of Prime Minister Harper, and Janine Krieber, the wife of Opposition Leader Stéphane Dion, with JNF supporters from across Canada, attended a kosher Israeli gourmet cooking class that was elegantly hosted by Mrs. Dalia Baker at the ambassador's official residence.

Last month, we had the pleasure of participating with the Israeli Embassy at the Ottawa Tulip Festival, providing a children's activity and other materials as part of the display.

For the coming year, in addition to our full regular programs, we look forward to introducing JNF of Canada's new "Go Neutral" carbon offset and reduction program as well as a film and lecture program in the spring.

We are fortunate to welcome Jane and Martin Gordon, Valerie Eisen, Liz Petegorsky and Tracey Beilak as new board members this year.

Finally, I want to thank Immediate Past President John Greenberg and the Board of Directors for their outstanding commitment to JNF. On their behalf, I salute our excellent staff members: Mark Mendelson, executive director for Eastern Canada and Margo Blostein, Ottawa co-ordinator, without whom none of the above would have been possible.

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Jewish education in Ottawa discussed at Federation members meeting

By Michael Regenstreif

The future of Jewish education in Ottawa was the main topic of discussion at a members meeting held by the Jewish Federation of Ottawa on May 14.

Mitchell Bellman, Federation president and CEO, said that the Jewish education system is the Federation's top priority, but noted "an alarming trend in the decline in participation" in Ottawa's Jewish schools in recent years.

Bellman said the community needs creative approaches to provide for the future of Jewish education and reviewed a report prepared by the JOIE (Jewish Outreach, Identity and Education) Committee of the Federation outlining four strategic objectives for the Federation to support Jewish education and to provide for its sustainability and growth over the long term.

The objectives outlined in the JOIE report are to support life-long Jewish learning in the community; to structure the educational system so that individuals regard themselves as part of the overall community; to move schools toward financial stability and enrolment; and to establish a central resource to facilitate governance, administration and enhancement of Jewish education in Ottawa.

For each of those objectives, the report outlines recommendations for co-ordinated action to be undertaken by each of three groups – the Federation; the school administrations; and the collectivities of school volunteers, donors and parents – in order to meet the goals.

Representatives of most of Ottawa's Jewish schools attended the meeting and there was a generally positive response to the report suggesting a general consensus that whatever can be done to co-ordinate the efforts of the various schools to meet common objectives – despite differing philosophies and orientations of particular institutions – would be in the long-term interests of the community and its educational system.

A number of general and particular issues were raised during the discussion period. While much attention was given to outreach to attract students from families who do not send their children to Jewish schools, Rabbi Howard Finkelstein, director of Judaic studies at Yitzhak Rabin High School, said there was an immediate need for "in-reach" with families with children now in the system. The schools, said Rabbi Finkelstein, "are hemorrhaging students."

Mark Palmer, executive director of Tamir, stressed the need to address issues geared to special needs students, while Faye Goldman, president of the Hillel Academy board, said that schools need to develop expertise in fundraising.

The philosophical diversity of Ottawa's Jewish schools was evident when Hennie Honigman of the Star of David Hebrew School called for the direct involvement of synagogues in the schools while Marlene Rivier of the Ottawa Modern Jewish School stressed the importance of that school remaining independent of synagogues.

Earlier in the meeting, Federation chair Jonathan Freedman reviewed the strategic objectives approved at the previous members meeting held on November 21 last year, and the progress that has been made toward fulfilling those objectives.

Among the accomplishments that Freedman cited were 34 on-campus events over the past academic year that were sponsored or co-sponsored by the Federation, the creation of the Jewish Ottawa InfoCentre and the research survey of young adults in the community to be conducted in the fall.

Freedman also drew attention to the $74,100 Security Infrastructure Program grant the Federation received from Public Safety Canada for security enhancements to the Jewish Community Campus. It was the largest single grant awarded under the program.

Freedman also mentioned a number of accomplishments in regard to the Federation's increased emphasis on communications, transparency and community participation, as well as the financial health of the Federation. The 2008 campaign goal of raising $5,000,000 was met, he said.

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Hillel Academy Grade 8 students visit Israel for 'time of their lives'

By Josh Taylor and Rabbi Jeremiah Unterman

Eleven Grade 8 students from Hillel Academy returned from a trip to Israel last month buoyed by what they described as the "time of their lives."

It was with great excitement that Jordan Brandt, David Dunkelman, Jacob Landau, Jordan Linton, Jordan Arnon-McGregor, Hadar Maoz, Liad Neumann, Michael Rogov, Joshua Taylor, Ben Trachtenberg and Gabriel Wolofsky participated in the school's first-ever Grade 8 trip to Israel.

We toured Israel from Metulla, in the Upper Galilee near the Lebanese border, to Sde Boker, the kibbutz in the middle of the Negev famous for being home to David Ben-Gurion, Israel's first prime minister.

The students were accompanied on the trip by Rabbi Jeremiah Unterman, Hillel's director of education, and Hillel teacher Tal Gilboa, as well as a guide and a medic/guard.

As student Josh Taylor commented, "It was better than we ever expected. I never would have thought that some of my greatest memories from my childhood would come with teachers in them."

Gilboa said, "It was a thrill and a privilege to share my passion for Israel with the students."

The trip was partially sponsored by grants from a private donor and by Partnership 2000 (P2K) – the project of partnering Jewish communities in North America with Israeli communities. Ottawa is partnered with communities in the Upper Galilee and Hillel Academy is twinned with the HaNadiv School in Metulla, which the students visited.

Hillel Academy Grade 8 students on Mount Scopus above Jerusalem. With them are teacher Tal Gilboa (upper left), Rabbi Jeremiah Unterman (upper right) and their Israeli guard and guide (lower left).

During our time in Israel, we explored Jerusalem, rode camels, slept in a Bedouin tent, climbed Masada, swam under waterfalls in Ein Gedi, floated in the Dead Sea and hiked in the Golan. But, our greatest experience of all was staying with Israeli families in Kiryat Shmona during Yom Hazikaron and Yom Ha'Atzmaut.

Each of the 11 Hillel students was paired with an Israeli student, whose family they lived with for three days (as part of the P2K grant).

Said Taylor, "I can't even put into words how much fun we had with them. They were all exactly like us. We played soccer, basketball, just hung out and walked around exploring the city. Most importantly, we ate!

We have created incredible relationships with our new Israeli friends, and we hope to grow our bonds throughout our lives."

Michael Rogov added, "The hosts were so friendly that it felt like I could stay the rest of my life with them."

Rabbi Unterman was impressed with how well the Canadian and Israeli students got along with each other.

"Not only did each pair become friends, but the two groups bonded together," he observed. "The Internet is being flooded by e-mails between the children."

The *mifgash* (get-together) with the Israeli kids opened the eyes of the Hillel kids.

"Although they are so much like us, they have more hardships to deal with," said Jordan Brandt. "It was a sobering fact that two of the Israeli students lost brothers during the last Lebanon War."

Another significant highlight was our visit to the Western (Wailing) Wall, where we prayed on Friday night.

"If there is one place you have to visit in Israel, it has to be the Wailing Wall," said Rogov. "It will humble you to a point of speechlessness."

The trip made a great impression on all of the students. "From the time I got off the plane in Israel, it felt like home," said Rogov.

"It was great to experience this trip with my friends," said Brandt. "Someday, I'll tell my children about this trip with my friends, the way my Mom told me about her trip to Israel with her friends when she was my age."

Rabbi Unterman hopes the Israel trip will become the annual pinnacle of the Hillel experience. The students agree.

"I would definitely recommend it for next year's Grade 8 students," says Brandt. "Because the educational stuff was done with our friends, it made it so much fun. It was the best possible trip with my classmates."

Taylor chimed in, "For all the upcoming Grade 8 students of Hillel Academy, this is an opportunity of a lifetime that cannot be wasted.

"Even though I've already visited Israel once before, after this trip I definitely feel closer to our homeland."

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Rabbi Karmi Ingber delivers a lecture during JET's Yarchei Kallah in 2007.

JET's Yarchei Kallah: a week of Torah study for adults

By Rachel Sheffrin
for JET

The kids are in bed, the dishes are cleared and my husband and I sit down with our evening cup of tea to discuss the day's events. Tonight's agenda: the upcoming Yarchei Kallah, a week of adult Torah study, July 6 to 12, sponsored by JET (Jewish Education through Torah).

We look forward to this week-long learning-fest as it approaches each year. Who will speak? What classes will be offered? How much time will we be able to take off?

We pour over the enticing program guide that has arrived in the mail. We talk about juggling of work schedules, about day camps and babysitters, about cars and bedtimes. Our goal, though, is clear: to attend as many of the classes and events as possible. And catch up on the rest via the recorded CDs.

Among the scholars-in-residence at Yarchei Kallah this year are Rabbi Label Lam, who is known throughout the Jewish world for his witty, inspiring and informative lectures and essays, and Chani Juravel, a teacher and social worker with vast experience working with children and adolescents and with their families and teachers.

Rabbi Yitzchak Feigenbaum, founding principal of Tiferes Bais Yaakov High School in Toronto, who has been a popular guest lecturer for JET for many years, returns this year. I put a big red circle around his morning Chumash class for Women on my program guide.

I can tell you, from my own experience, that Rabbi Feigenbaum's Chumash for Women class is one that's not to be missed. Unless you are attending Rabbi Lam's introduction to Musar, the Torah approach to developing healthy attitudes towards life, at the same time. If so, you can take Rabbi Feigenbaum's evening Chumash class for both men and women, instead.

In addition to a full schedule of classes in the mornings and evenings, there is daily lunch and learn, given by a different rabbi each day. Topics include, *Bible Codes: proving that Bozo the Clown Wrote the Bible* and *Tzedakah: Can You Ever Give Enough?*

For young adults, the JETSetters evening includes a *Death by Chocolate* dinner and a lecture by Rabbi Lam on the male/female dynamic.

Yarchei Kallah kicks off on July 6 at 6:00 pm with an opening dinner at the Soloway Jewish Community Centre honouring Rabbi Micah and Shani Shotkin. It will feature a lecture by Rabbi Lam called *The Good, the Bad and the Ugly: Reconciling the Inner and Outer Persona.*

The grand finale to the week is a Shabbaton, July 11 and 12, at Beth Shalom West. This is a full Shabbat experience where you can get to know the guest lecturers, hear more great lectures, eat more great food, meet more great people and come away with more great insights about life and about being Jewish.

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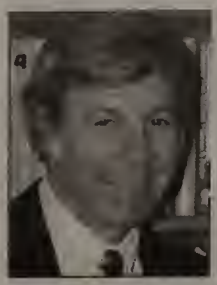

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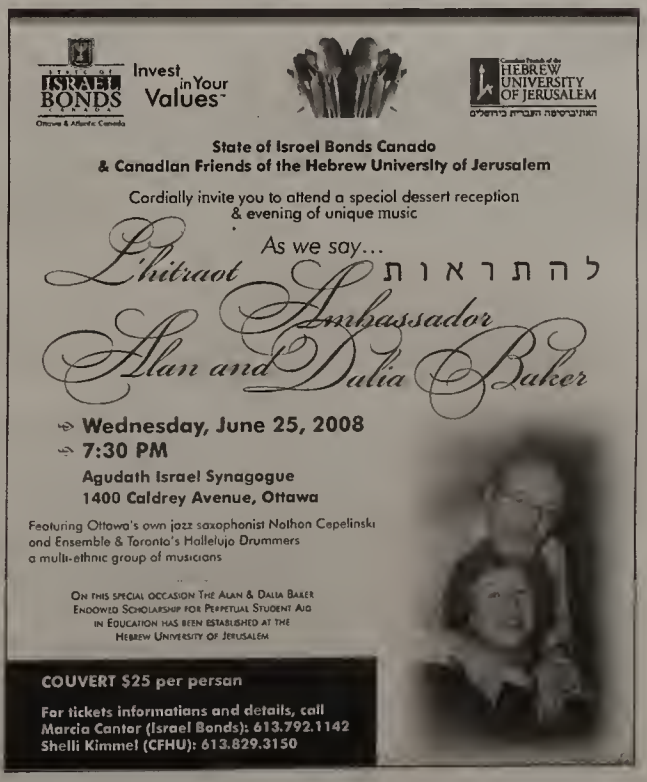

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Palestinian Ali Abu Awwad and Israeli Robi Damelin, who have both lost family members in the conflict between Israel and the Palestinians, now work together for peace and reconciliation. (Photo: Gabriella Goliger)

Bereaved Israeli and Palestinian families work together for peace

By Gabriella Goliger

You might tbink Robi Damelin and Ali Abu Awwad would be implacable enemies.

Damelin is an Israeli mother whose son was killed by a Palestinian sniper while on military duty.

Awwad, a Palestinian, was once wounded by a settler and lost his brother at the hands of an Israeli soldier.

Both have found solace in the unlikeliest of places – each other – and have united to promote an end to hatred and bloodshed between their two peoples.

Awwad and Damelin were in Ottawa, May 27, to speak about the work of the Parents Circle-Families Forum, an organization that brings bereaved Israelis and Palestinians together to seek reconciliation.

The two spoke at Saint Paul University after a screening of Ronit Avni's award-winning documentary, *Encounter Point*, whicb tells their story and that of similar grassroots initiatives.

Reconciliation is not about making nice, about "hugs and hummus," Damelin insists. It requires listening to the hard truths about the other side's sufferings and history. Only by acknowledging the other's pain and humanity, she says, can real peace building begin.

During the first Intifada in the late-1980s, Awwad was one of the youths throwing stones and landed in an Israeli prison. But he came to the conclusion that stones, bullets and bombs are not the answer.

Now, Awwad seeks to convince bis people that violence bas not served their cause, that words are a more effective means for the Palestinians to achieve a state of their own. He admits the message can be a hard sell because the daiiy hardships of the occupation incite rage and grind down hope. He believes in disarming Israelis by speaking to their conscience.

"You have to make your enemy aware of your suffering as a human being … that what you are causing me, I don't deserve," he said.

An immigrant to Israel from South African, Damelin says she loves Israel deeply, but wants Israel to be a moral, democratic state. Not only is the occupation terrible for the Palestinians, it is eroding the moral fibre of her own people, she says. Her bitterness over her son David's death is compounded by the fact that he too was against the occupation, but was guarding a West Bank settlement when he was killed.

Awwad and Damelin agree that two states are the only realistic solution to the decades-long conflict. They are not primarily concerned with such specifics, however. Rather, they seek to create grassroots momentum towards peace through people-to-people contacts.

Their organization has about 500 members who dialogue with one another, speak in schools (1,000 over the past year) and hold other educational activities.

Last year, 140 Palestinian and Israeli members visited both Yad Vashem and the site of a Palestinian village destroyed in 1948 together.

The purpose was "not to compare sufferings," Damelin says, "but to create understanding of, and empathy for, the other side's history."

The bereaved families' organization has certainly made waves with media attention in Israel and abroad, including from Al Jazeera, meetings with notables and now a 10-episode TV drama in Hebrew and Arabic inspired by their initiative.

Though peace remains elusive, Damelin insists "we cannot afford to give up hope."

Awwad agrees, but says he fears a bloodbath if the status quo continues for much longer.

"The Israelis will not disappear. The Palestinians will not disappear. How much blood needs to be spilt before people wake up?"

De Chastelain describes peace process in Northern Ireland

By Michael Regenstreif

Are there lessons from the peace process in Northern Ireland that can be used to solve the impasse between Israel and the Palestinians?

That was the question last month when General John de Chastelain, the retired former chief of Canada's defence staff, and a former Canadian ambassador to the United States, spoke at Library and Archives Canada at an event sponsored by Potlucks for Peace (P4P), an Ottawa group dedicated to Jewish-Arab dialogue.

De Chastelain has been a high level key negotiator in the Northern Ireland peace process since 1995.

But, before describing the long process of negotiations there, he said he'd leave it to the audience to determine which, if any, of the lessons from the Irish peace process might be applicable to solving the problems faced by Israel and the Palestinians.

According to de Chastelain, "it may take a generation or two to dissipate the hatred" that has existed between the Catholic and Protestant communities in Northern Ireland.

"Territory and religion became divisive issues," he said, "and the lot of Catholics in Northern Ireland was inferior."

General John de Chastelain discusses the peace process in Northern Ireland at the Potlucks for Peace gathering at Library and Archives Canada.
(OJB photo: Michael Regenstreif)

De Chastelain said that progress in the search for peace in Northern Ireland began to be realized when the Irish Republican Army (IRA) finally accepted that they'd never defeat the British Army by force of arms.

As de Chastelain explained, reaching the Good Friday Agreement, signed on April 10, 1998, under which all sides to the conflict recognized the legitimacy of the others' claims and aspirations, "was a complicated process," that provided the basis for the St. Andrew's Agreement, finalized in October 2006, to devolve control of Northern Ireland from London back to local authorities.

De Chastelain said there were four main lessons to take from the peace process in Northern Ireland.

The first is to maintain the willingness to negotiate.

"Whenever possible, talk," he said. "Without talking, one gets nowhere."

The second lesson was disarmament.

While de Chastelain cautioned that the real progress came when parties agreed to disarm, they learned that the parties must never stop talking, even when violence occurs.

The third lesson was the importance of maintaining parity and equality between all the parties to the negotiation.

According to the general, the negotiators found that when talks were held in large rooms around large tables, progress was slow and belligerence ruled the day. By moving the talks to small rooms and having the parties sit in close proximity around small tables, the participants became much more polite and open with each other.

The fourth lesson to take from the talks was that of patience.

"I signed on for two months in 1995 and I'm still there," said de Chastelain. "You need patience because it doesn't happen quickly."

The key to eventual success, he repeated, was to eschew violence and keep talking.

Following de Chastelain's presentation, two members of P4P, a Jew and an Arab, responded.

Brian Rothberg, a retired high school teacher, was introduced as "someone who believes in the Zionist dream, but who is often disturbed by its reality."

Rothberg said that "political miracles are possible," and that de Chastelain's lessons "are so logical and so clear."

However, he cautioned that the situation between Israel and the Palestinians represents "very different circumstances" from Northern Ireland.

Rothberg added that the existence of Israel was a source of pride to most Jews and that he wasn't optimistic that the two-state solution, in which he believes, would be achieved by the end of the year.

Monzer Zimmo, a Palestinian-Canadian born in Gaza, said that he had one lesson to add to the four cited by de Chastelain: "the need for an honest broker" in the talks between Israel and the Palestinians.

Rejecting the United States, particularly the Bush Administration, as that broker, Zimmo said "the honest broker is the 'Quartet': the collectivity of the U.S., the United Nations, Russia and the European Union."

Zimmo said one state is his preferred solution for Israel and the Palestinians, but conceded there is a consensus for the two-state solution. "But the settlements make a Palestinian state impossible."

Zimmo concluded that "Israel must take advantage of the current consensus for two states or start to prepare for transforming to one state."

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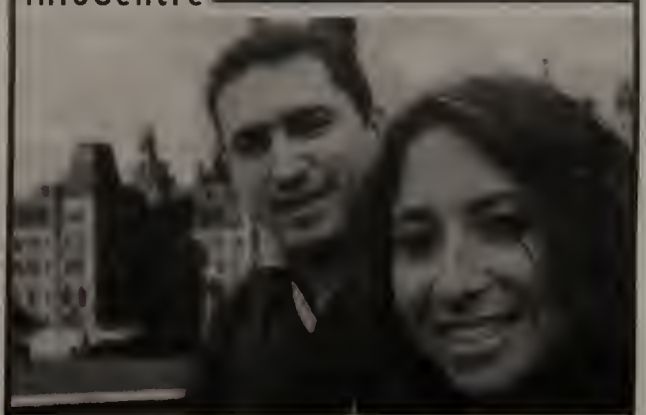

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Gentle Yoga helps former mayor recover use of hand

By Pamela Rosenberg
for Soloway JCC

In March of 2007, Marion Dewar, a former Ottawa mayor and member of Parliament, slipped on a patch of ice on her driveway and broke her hand. Although her doctor said she might never have full use of the hand again, she's well on the way to a recovery she attributes to the Gentle Yoga classes at the Soloway Jewish Community Centre (JCC).

Following surgery, which inserted two plates in her band, and months of physiotherapy, Dewar regained some hand movement. But she still had no feeling in two of her fingers.

"My little finger and my ring finger were dead, I was always dropping things," she says. "I play bridge and I could not bring the cards in when I had a trick. And it was awkward for me to deal."

As a gift, Dewar's daughters gave her a membership at the Soloway JCC and registered her for Gentle Yoga. One day, while working on the mats with her arms stretched out, she suddenly felt a tingle in her fingers.

"After a year of no feeling, I had accepted the fact that it would never come back. So I was quite excited," she says.

Doing Gentle Yoga for one hour every week at the Soloway JCC became a priority.

Dewar had tried yoga before, but never had the positive experience she found at the Soloway JCC. She is now confident that she'll regain total use of her hand and attributes her success to the guidance of yoga instructor, Katherine Shapiro Moss.

Shapiro Moss says she has developed a unique and eclectic style of yoga that draws from many disciplines and incorporates many modalities including meditation, energy psychology, craniosacral therapy and emotional freedom technique.

"We will never understand how the body works. It is a miracle possessing an unlimited ability to heal and reconfigure itself. Our bodies are self-healing once we remove the barriers to health," says Shapiro Moss.

"We operate through energy flow. When that flow is interrupted by emotional stress or physical trauma, *dis-ease* can result."

Shapiro Moss gives personalized attention to each student and it is her sensitivity to their needs that opens a channel for energy flow. With Dewar, Shapiro Moss used her own fine-tuned energy to resonate with Dewar's, activating a healing response. Both say they experienced joy and release.

"My classes are a way to teach, not just yoga, but an approach to well-being that goes beyond the classroom and endures beyond the course," says Shapiro Moss.

In addition to Gentle Yoga once a week, Dewar has also been taking advantage of the Soloway JCC's saltwater pool and says she loves the warm and friendly environment of the centre.

"We are blessed to have such a jewel in our neighbourhood," says Dewar.

Na'amat Mother's Day Tea raises $9,000 for shelter

By Sharon Reichstein
Na'amat Ottawa
Mother's Day Tea event chair

Na'amat Ottawa's fourth annual Mother's Day Tea, featuring Norene Gilletz demonstrating several berry recipes from her new cookbook, *Norene's Healthy Kitchen*, was an unprecedented success raising $9,000 for the world-renowned Na'amat Canada Glickman Centre for Family Violence Protection in Tel Aviv.

The Glickman Centre opened its doors in 1996. At that time, Na'amat Israel's counselling facilities were fielding more than 5,000 enquiries per year from abused women; 2,000 of them from the Tel Aviv region alone. Until the Glickman Centre was constructed, there was no formal shelter in Israel's largest city. The centre in Tel Aviv combines two buildings on one site. The first is a high-security shelter for women and their children; the second, a domestic violence counselling and treatment centre. While each building is autonomous, they work in co-operation with each other.

The Glickman Centre Shelter can accommodate 14 women and 16 children at a time. The women and children housed in the shelter have been sharing living quarters: two families to each room. These are very difficult conditions and often cause tension, due to a lack of privacy. The women and children being sheltered may have emotional issues and need their own space. This has been recognized by Israel's Ministry of Welfare which has introduced new regulations requiring that each sheltered family must have its own room and bathroom. As a result, Na'amat Canada has taken on the tasks of building four new rooms and en suites, and of converting eight shared bedrooms into 12 private rooms and has launched the Glickman Centre Bedroom Campaign to finance the project.

To make a donation to the Glickman Centre, or for further information about Na'amat, please call me at 613-226-1989 or email *naamatotzma@hotmail.com*.

Cookbook author Norene Gilletz demonstrates a berry recipe at Na'amat Ottawa's Mother's Day Tea.

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Osterer receives two prestigious education awards

By Neil Blacher

Long-time educator, Irv Osterer, head of fine arts, library and communications technology and a co-operative education teacher at Merivale High School, recently received the prestigious Capital Educators' Award from the Ottawa Centre for Research and Innovation (OCRI).

The award honours the "talented and dedicated professionals who have demonstrated teaching excellence, acted as role models, and instilled confidence and a passion for learning in their students."

Two-hundred-and-twenty-eight individuals were nominated for the 20 awards by educators from the four local school boards, colleges and universities in the Ottawa area.

A surprised Osterer, who writes a sports column for the *Bulletin*, describes the award as "like winning the Stanley Cup for teachers."

Osterer was also recognized by the Ottawa-Carleton District School Board (OCDSB) with a Director's Citation Award.

The award "recognizes outstanding and significant staff contributions to the district and its students, over an extended period of time, showing a level of imagination, enthusiasm, and professionalism that constitutes a worthy model for others."

Sharlene Hunter, OCDSB communications co-ordinator, says, "Once the announcement was made, I heard on several occasions that this award, as well as the Capital Educators' Award, was long overdue.

"At different functions, I would repeatedly hear that Irv is that rare teacher who has the innate ability to connect with students, staff, parents, and community partners, and because of that his classrooms are filled with energy, excitement, and enthusiasm.

"Irv is genuinely such a great educator because he has never stopped learning himself."

Irv Osterer

Friends of Jewish Family Services campaign launched

By Geremy Miller
Jewish Family Services

June marks the beginning of the annual *Friends of Jewish Family Services* fundraising campaign.

According to Jack Shinder, president of Jewish Family Services (JFS), the $80,000 campaign goal represents funds that are vital to the agency's mission.

"Part of the money that comes from this campaign goes directly to help the 500 low-income families and individuals that are part of the Tikvah program. We cannot cut back on the direct funding or the case management that we offer to these families.

"JFS needs to raise funds in order to continue to be a positive place in our clients' lives," Shinder continues. "Without JFS's long standing commitment to the principles of *tzedakah* and *Tikkun Olam*, the Jewish Community would not be the same."

This year's *Friends of* campaign is more important than ever. Due to unforeseen circumstances, the agency lost a long-time funder of the Tikvah program.

"Unfortunately the loss of funds to our Tikvah program put us in a precarious position" says Mark Zarecki, JFS executive director. "We made a commitment, a promise to our clients. As an agency, that is non-negotiable.

"Instead of cutting back on services and not providing extra assistance during Passover, we decided to honour our obligation."

According to Tikvah program manager Sara Caspi, "The services that we provide to our clients go far beyond dollars and cents. For the majority of them, JFS is the only connection they have to the Jewish Community. We cannot stop being here for them."

For nearly three decades, JFS has been the place where new immigrants have come to receive assistance, language courses, employment skills and financial aid. JFS also assists Jewish seniors in remaining at home and in non-institutional settings.

JFS is always looking to expand its services and reach the people who are disenfranchised and not connected to the community and, with matching funds from the Jewish community of Moscow, is developing an outreach program to engage the Russian Jewish community in Ottawa with the hope of establishing stronger connections with the city's mainstream Jewish community.

"Through hard work and a strong commitment," Zarecki says, "JFS will maintain the quality of services, remain an innovator, expand our services and continue to be a place where people can connect to their community."

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Members of Die Folkshpieler (from left to right), Judith Weirman, Teena Hendelman and Ed Sussman perform in the theatre group's 2007 "Dr. Chatzkel" skit.

Die Folkshpieler salutes the Jewish family

By David Michaelson
Die Folkshpieler

Well, not really. The way Die Folkshpieler does a salute – *oy gevalt*!

This theatre group of the Soloway Jewish Community Centre (JCC) will perform its sixth annual show, in Yiddish, of course, on June 22 and it's all about the fictional Sutzkova family.

But on what aspect of the Sutzkova family will the Die Folkshpieler players concentrate? Sutzkova *frumkeit*? Learning? Generosity?

Perhaps *Mishpocha Mishegas*, the title of Shirley Steinberg's new play, will give you a hint. In other words, it's about family foibles, *shticks* and peculiarities.

Mishpocha Mishegas opens with 87-year-old Chaim Sutzkova, the only one left of the older Sutzkovas, writing what he remembers of them. Why? So that he will not forget their various *mishugasen*.

Is there a family without peculiarities? Not for Die Folkshpieler. From our very first performance, we have emphasized humour, *gelechter* and giving our audiences a good time. *Mishpocha Mishegas* promises to carry on this fine tradition.

Mishpocha Mishegas will be performed at the Soloway JCC on Sunday, June 22, at 2 pm.

For information, contact Roslyn Wollock at *rwollock@jccottawa.com* or 613-798-9818, ext. 254 .

Hillel Lodge Auxiliary telethon June 16-17

By Pat Neuman
for Hillel Lodge Auxiliary

The Hillel Lodge Auxiliary has been working for more than 50 years to improve the quality of life for the residents of the Bess and Moe Greenberg Family Hillel Lodge and will hold its annual telethon on June 16 and 17.

All proceeds from the telethon, as well as from the annual tea and gift shop, are used for the betterment of the lives of the Lodge residents. They fund soch worthwhile endeavours as replacement of fish for the fish tank, additional chairs for the recreational programs and equipment to help care for the residents, including additional eye wash stations and nutritional analysis software. The funds are also used to provide flowers for the holidays, gifts for all residents' birthdays, special outings and the purchase of newer equipment.

The Auxiliary volunteers take great pride in contributions such as the magnificent artistic wall mural and other decorations that beautify and humanize the living environment at the Lodge. They have also purchased the specialized automatic beds that significantly reduce the incidence of bed sores.

Planning is also now under way for the Auxiliary's annual tea, to be held October 26. The tea, which has always proven to be an extremely enjoyable afternoon for both the Lodge residents and the community, includes appetizing refreshments and wonderful entertainment and provides an opportunity for supporters to see how the funds raised in support of Hillel Lodge are used to make the lives of our seniors living there so much more enjoyable.

The Auxiliary also operates one of the most beautiful gift shops of its kind with many unique items for the Jewish holidays and all other occasions. Visitors from other cities have commented on the high quality and remarkable variety of the shop's merchandise and its incredibly affordable prices.

The Auxiliary is a dedicated group of volunteers committed to bringing additional comfort and support to the lives of residents at the Bess and Moe Greenberg Family Hillel Lodge. Your support for this telethon will go a long way to making Hillel Lodge an even better place for all its residents.

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Deborah Zuker to lead Adath Shalom's High Holy Days services

By Ruth Kahane Goldberg
for Adath Shalom
Congregation

Ottawa native Deborah Zuker, a rabbinical student at the Jewish Theological Seminary (JTS) in New York, will return to provide spiritual leadership at Adath Shalom Congregation's 2008 High Holy Days services.

"We are pleased that Deborah Zuker will return to Ottawa to conduct Adath Shalom's High Holy Days services. The leadership she provided last year was inspirational, both at a Shabbaton and during the High Holy Days. We look forward to her thoughtful, meaningful approach and the way she connects with congregants of all ages," said Paul Adler, Adath Shalom co-president.

Rabbinical student Deborah Zuker returns to her hometown to lead Adath Shalom's High Holy Days services.

Named in May by the Jewish Theological Seminary as an inaugural recipient of the Schusterman Rabbinical Fellowship Program, Zuker will be one of "eight outstanding rabbinical students from the Conservative and Reform Movements" selected to undertake three years of formal study, designed to create a cadre of rabbis who will provide leadership and collaboration on issues such as interfaith families and unaffiliated Jews in Israel and North America.

Zuker will lead services at Adath Shalom after spending the summer volunteering in an underprivileged neighbourhood in south Tel Aviv and beginning the third year of her JTS rabbinical studies, which she will continue throughout the year in Israel.

She said she's looking forward to being in Jerusalem to do her spiritual preparation for the High Holy Days and to then share her experiences with Adath Shalom.

In the past year, Zuker participated in a special week-long conference with the rabbinical school on the topic of prayer leadership and spiritual development through prayer. The High Holy Days, she said, have many teaching opportunities.

"I hope to create points of contact with the liturgy for *daveners* to connect with the spiritual content of the services," she said.

These opportunities will be found throughout the prayer services and in study sessions each day before the Mincha service. She will also lead two sessions for youth to deepen their experience during services.

"My goal for the *Yamim Nora'im* is to work with the Adath Shalom community to create meaningful and spiritually vibrant High Holy Day services and learning opportunities," Zuker said.

"The most important thing to me is that every congregant feels comfortable and able to find their own personal expression of prayer through our traditional High Holy Day *davening*. I hope that each participant will feel moved and impacted at some point during the services."

Adath Shalom, a Conservative egalitarian congregation, will conduct its High Holy Days services at the Soloway Jewish Community Centre in the Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nadolny Sachs Private. High Holy Days memberships are available for the month of Tishrei, from Rosh Hashanah, beginning on the evening of September 29 until the end of Simchat Torah on October 22.

The community is also invited to attend regular Shabbat morning and *chaggim* services held at the Jewish Community Campus chapel, 31 Nadolny Sachs Private.

For further information, visit *www.adath-shalom.ca* or call 613-240-4564.

High school students can make a difference by volunteering with JFS this summer

By Geremy Miller
Jewish Family Services
of Ottawa

Are you a high school student with some time to spare this summer?

Then consider volunteering through the *Today's Youth Tomorrow's Leaders* (TYTL) program of Jewish Family Services (JFS) and give something back to your community.

The TYTL program offers you training and the opportunity to help others. It will also help you make the kind of connections in the community that can change lives.

"Volunteering is something to take pride in," says Lisa Bogdonov, JFS volunteer co-ordinator. "There are lots of things to do that will make a difference in people's lives."

JFS receives hundreds of requests per month looking for people to help out. Whether it is taking a senior to the museum for the afternoon, helping someone shop for the week or simply making a daily reassurance call, the opportunities to do something meaningful are endless.

Volunteer opportunities are not limited to only what JFS can offer, either. There are more than 15 organizations city-wide that would greatly benefit from volunteer youth involvement in their youth programs.

"The real world skills that you gain from volunteering – connecting with people from different backgrounds, teamwork, leadership, and so on – are an investment in yourself that you can draw on again and again for the rest of your life. You also gain a sense of accomplishment and self-reliance. And, of course, it is a great way to meet new people and make a difference," says Roshan Musa, JFS youth volunteer coordinator.

With TYTL, Musa has established a leadership and cultural sensitivity training workshop to help young volunteers be better prepared for, and get the most out of, their volunteer experience. The TYTL program is open to youth who are currently volunteering with an organization and to those who are looking for volunteer opportunities.

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Film about Orthodox Jewish boxing champ to screen at Soloway JCC

By Maxine Miska
SJCC director
of programming

The description "Orthodox Jewisb boxer" might seem like an oxymoron. But Dmitriy Salita, a 24-year-old Ukrainian immigrant, is making history as a top professional boxer while living as a rigorously observant Jew.

Jason Hutt's documentary film, *Orthodox Stance*, is a portrait of seemingly incompatible cultures and characters working together to support Salita's rare and remarkable devotion to both Orthodox Judaism and the pursuit of a professional boxing title.

Orthodox Stance will be screened at the Soloway Jewish Community Centre (JCC) on Sunday, June 22 at 7:30 pm.

Manager Israel Liberow and boxer Dmitriy Salita in a scene from *Orthodox Stance*. (Photo: Jason Hutt)

Salita's family moved, from Ukraine to Brooklyn in 1991, to escape discrimination against Jews to and provide him, and his brother Michael, a better future. Like Jewish immigrants of previous decades, they found the streets were not paved with gold.

Salita explains, "In the beginning my family struggled, we were on welfare and food stamps. Kids made fun of me. I wore bad clothes. I got into a lot of fights, a lot of arguments, and then, at the age of 13, my brother and I started to discuss the idea of boxing."

The brothers gravitated to The Starrett City Boxing Gym, located in the rough Brooklyn neighborhood of East New York, where other young men from diverse ethnic backgrounds found companionship through disciplined combat.

The gym was run by 82-year-old Jimmy O'Pharrow, one of New York's legendary gym managers and boxing trainers. For the past 30 years, the gym has produced dozens of Golden Glove Champions, and some of the biggest names in professional and amateur boxing.

As Salita began to excel in the ring, his mother, Lyudmilla, was stricken with cancer, eventually succumbing to the disease after a long battle.

Like many Jews from the former Soviet Union, Salita and his family were non-practising, but, he says, "The anxiety of entering the ring helped me develop a personal spiritual relationship."

While his mother was in the hospital, she shared a room with an Orthodox Jewish woman. When Salita told the woman's husband about his interest in Judaism, he sent the young boxer to the local Chabad Synagogue and Rabbi Zalman Liberow.

The boxing and Jewish aspects of Salita's life began to dovetail in the form of two guardian angels. When his mother was dying of cancer, she asked Jimmy O'Pharrow to look after her son. Despite his age, O'Pharrow still looks after Salita, working the corner at his fights, and continuing to run the Starrett City Gym. As Rabbi Liberow introduced Salita to the orthodox life, he became acquainted with the rabbi's brother, Israel Liberow.

Israel Liberow grew up in London without a television. With his Bar Mitzvah gift money, Israel purchased a Walkman and began listening to boxing broadcasts on BBC Radio. He watched his first televised fight at 14, a rebroadcast of Marvin Hagler vs. Thomas Hearns, in a London electronics store. From that point on, Israel was hooked.

While studying at Yeshiva, he would sneak out of the dorm to watch big matches at friends' houses.

As Israel recalls, "Dmitriy was shocked at how much I blabbered on about boxing and couldn't believe I was Zalman's brother – like I was in disguise, with a clip on beard."

Because of his knowledge and passion for both boxing and Judaism, he calls their relationship "divine providence."

Through three years of filming, viewers travel with Salita from his home in the Russian section of Brooklyn to a dilapidated Orthodox synagogue, from a black and Hispanic amateur gym to boxing's most prestigious venues in Las Vegas, Atlantic City and Puerto Rico. Intimate *cinema verité* scenes of Torah study, prayer, keeping kosher and observing the Sabbath on the road are juxtaposed with training, weigh-ins, business negotiations and locker room and fight footage.

After four years and 22 professional fights, the film culminates with Salita fighting for his first professional title – the North American Boxing Association's light welterweight championship – in front of a passionate crowd of boxing fans and Orthodox Jews at Manhattan's Hammerstein Ballroom. The Chasidic reggae singer, Matisyahu, sings Salita to the ring, and he rewards the crowd with a knockout victory.

'Orthodox stance' is a boxing term for the traditional right-handed boxing stance.

The June 22 film screening is co-sponsored by OTC Chabad, the Soloway JCC and the Jewish Federation of Ottawa Young Adult Division. Tickets are $10 and are available online at *www.ottawatorahcentre.com*, by phone at 613-843-0497 or at the Soloway JCC front desk.

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Torah Academy French Fair showcases students' accomplishments

By Rabbi Yisroel Goldbaum

French language, history and cuisine permeated the atmosphere as students in Grades 4 to 8 at Torah Academy of Ottawa celebrated their achievements in French studies with a *French Fair* on May 27.

The students showcased projects and presentations which emphasized the French language as well as the history and culture of French Canadians and their contributions to Canada.

Parents and friends of Torah Academy students gathered in the school's lunchroom to view the various displays. From the Battle of the Plains of Abraham to Rocket Richard, and from maple syrup to strawberry crepes, the students' projects covered many diverse, interesting and tasty topics.

"The best part of this wonderful event is to see how proud the students feel about their work," said one parent.

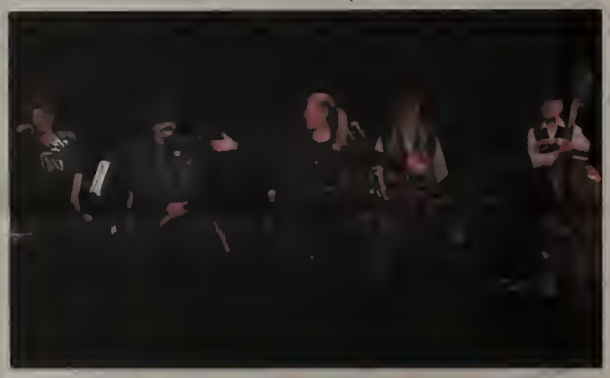
The event was organized by French teacher CarrieLynn Griffith, whose work over the past two years has brought the students to the level of competency and confidence that was so readily apparent at the fair.

Torah Academy is committed to continued educational excellence in all Judaic and secular studies and looks forward to more opportunities to celebrate different aspects of its educational programs with the community.

Grade 5 student Aidel Friedman and Grade 4 student Bayla Simes at the Torah Academy French Fair with their project on the Quebec City Winter Carnival.

Spirit of the Choir: Painting honours Beth Shalom anniversary

Artist Ann Tarantour Lazear has donated her painting, *Spirit of the Choir*, depicting the Beth Shalom Choir with Cantor Daniel Benlolo, to the congregation in honour of its 50th anniversary being celebrated June 18. Shown (left to right) are Beth Shalom past president Ralph Paroli, Ann Tarantour Lazear and Cantor Daniel Benlolo. (Photo: Paul Sheffrin)



Ovation for Ottawa Klezmer Band

The Ottawa Klezmer Band receives a standing ovation at the finale of their May 24 concert at the NAC Fourth Stage. (Photo: Howard Sandler)

Yitzhak Rabin students in Washington

Students from Yitzhak Rabin High School, seen here in front of the White House, were among 300 Canadian teenagers who visited the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum on a trip sponsored by the Asper Foundation Human Rights and Holocaust Studies Program

Foundation awards scholarship

Diana Cohen Reis (left), 2008 recipient of the George Joseph Cooper Scholarship, is congratulated by Ottawa Jewish Community Foundation board member Susan Weisman at the foundation's annual meeting on June 4. Weisman was a member of the scholarship committee that chose Reis for the award. (Photo: Peter Waiser)

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Norm Ferkin, fundraising co-chair for Tamir, and Ian Sherman, president of Congregation Beth Shalom, the first stop for Tamir's portable Donor Recognition Wall.
(Photo: Ian Bodnoff)

Tamir introduces portable donor recognition wall

By Josh Finn
for Tamir

When visiting a synagogue, the Soloway Jewish Community Centre or other Jewish gathering places in Ottawa, watch out for the Tamir Donor Recognition Wall.

The wall was created to thank generous donors who support Tamir and to encourage others in the Jewish community to be a part of the organization. Since Tamir does not have a single location that is easily accessible to the public, a portable Donor Recognition Wall seemed to make perfect sense.

The wall's first stop, earlier this year, was Congregation Beth Shalom. Speaking to the congregation, Tamir fundraising co-chair Norm Ferkin said the Donor Recognition Wall will "help to spread our message of thanks and appreciation."

Since 1980, Tamir has provided support for people living with developmental disabilities. Before Tamir was created, there were few options for families in Ottawa who needed support. This meant that elderly parents would often have to face the ongoing stresses of caring for a child with developmental disabilities, often on a 24/7 basis, or of having to make a difficult choice to place their child in an institutionalized facility.

"There just weren't that many agencies offering this type of support 30 years ago," says Ferkin. "And to hope to find community-living in a Jewish environment was unheard of, except in major Jewish centres."

Today, thanks in part to the support of those listed on the donor wall, Tamir is an active, integral organization in the Ottawa Jewish community, and Tamir participants are involved in events throughout the city.

They participate in day programs as well as summer and school break camps. Support is also provided residentially, through group living, respite and supported independent living units, outreach programs.

"Tamir's Judaic Outreach program has had a huge impact, surpassing all expectations in how it has changed the lives of Jewish people with disabilities. It has brought them closer to their culture and religion than we ever thought possible," says Ferkin.

For example, during Passover, Tamir residents had the opportunity to participate in a Third Seder, led by Cantor Daniel Benlolo, at Congregation Beth Shalom.

While provincial government funding covers basic needs, support from the community is just as important in ensuring that Tamir residents enjoy a quality of life in a Jewish environment.

"We have always depended upon the community for support so that Tamir residents can continue to live in Jewish homes and observe Jewish customs," says Ferkin.

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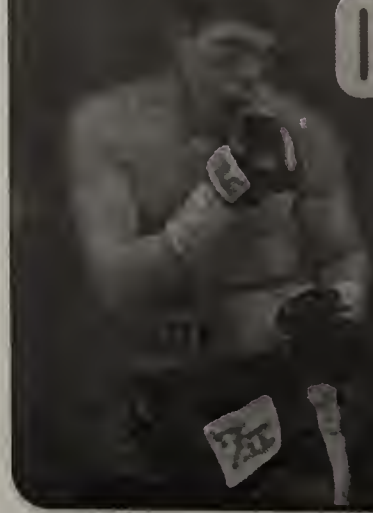

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A young Canadian's adventures in the Israeli government

Book Review

Mira Sucharov

Shut Up, I'm Talking: And Other Diplomacy Lessons I Learned in the Israeli Government – A Memoir

By Gregory Levey
Free Press
Hardcover, 2008
288 pages

It's the time of year when our thoughts run to the more relaxed pastimes of summer, including summer reading. Gregory Levey's *Shut Up, I'm Talking: And Other Diplomacy Lessons I Learned in the Israeli Government – A Memoir* should work nicely if you're looking for a blend of comedy, moderate escapism, a touch of romance, and some behind-the-scenes glimpses into the workings of politics.

The conceit of the book is that of the *Young Everyman*. Levey was a 25-year-old Canadian transplant to New York, who, bored with his law school studies, sought out an internship at the Israeli Mission to the United Nations.

While internships at the Mission are apparently hard to come by, and answered phone calls even harder, Levey improbably landed a job as speechwriter to the Israeli ambassador. Not long after, he was living in Israel writing speeches for then-prime minister Ariel Sharon.

The act of political speechwriting has always been topical. George W. Bush's often parodied "Axis of Evil" phrase, from his 2002 State of the Union address, cast David Frum, another Canadian-in-America speechwriter, into infamy. But debates still exist about who, exactly, put the president's paragraphs to paper, as an article last year in *The Atlantic* by a disgruntled Bush speechwriter shows. And, while we don't know much about the exact words that Levey penned for the Israelis, the book helps demystify a much-discussed, but not necessarily well-understood, vocation.

Part emotional memoir, part humour and part political narrative, *Shut Up, I'm Talking* is only a slightly insider account of Middle East politics. The treatment of politics and diplomacy is fairly superficial, perhaps since the narrator is the consummate outsider: a Canadian with "ten-year old" Hebrew-school Hebrew living in the United States and then Israel, and representing the Israeli government.

In one particularly bizarre image, Levey, "a typical 20-something New Yorker who accidentally stumbled into the nerve center of the Israeli government," finds himself alone at Israel's seat in the United Nations General Assembly. There is an imminent vote on a weapons-of-mass-destruction resolution, he has not been instructed how to vote and he is not even a citizen of the country on whose behalf he is to vote.

Not a small part of the book is devoted to the age-old theme of culture clash, a topic that has been written about often in the context of Diaspora-Israel relations. Encapsulated in the term *sabra* (connoting that Israelis are 'tough on the outside yet soft on the inside'), it is widely known that Israelis tend to be more direct and informal, including having an aversion to queuing up, characteristics that outsiders frequently interpret as rudeness.

Cultural anthropologists such as Tamar Katriel have written about the confrontational style of Israeli conversation and attendant cultural practices such as *dugri* (straight-talk). But, being aware of the cultural differences makes acclimatizing to life in Israel no less jarring for many recent arrivals. Levey's American fiancée was almost reduced to tears while waiting to be served at a Tel Aviv chip stand, and Levey was rendered speechless by a government computer technician ridiculing his Hebrew and spitting sunflower seeds at his cheek.

With what he perceives as the absurdity of life in Israel, and working for its government as a microcosm, Levey eventually found himself attempting occasional acts of benign sabotage, such as when he inserted subtle *Seinfeld* references into a draft of the prime minister's speech. For other reasons, the draft never made it to fruition.

While the job of a speechwriter is to reflect the official policies of the government, Levey is fairly candid about times when he disagreed with Israeli policies, and admits, with some resignation, that "I had to deal with the situation as it was, not as I wished it to be."

He writes harshly about the settlers, and bemoans the fact that Israel's security barrier was not built along the Green Line. But he also expresses frustration with the International Court of Justice ruling against the barrier and with "anyone in positions of power" who does not "see the gray areas." One wonders how much latitude he had in the job for policy implementation, and indeed, for dissent.

Although the topic is diplomacy, the narrative contains little of the typical hubris of political memoirs. Instead, Levey treats us to occasional reflections on his time spent at Bialik Hebrew Day School in Toronto, including comedic reflections on the militant Zionism expressed by his non-pedagogically savvy teachers. In this, the book is reminiscent of Jonathan Garfinkel's recent *Ambivalence*, a meditation on Canadian Jewish identity and Garfinkel's own childhood spent at the same school, followed, years later, by a sojourn in Israel.

Unlike *Ambivalence*, however, *Shut Up* is arguably less intellectual, less artistic and less nuanced. Unlike Garfinkel, whose personal relationship with Israel was much more declaredly complex, Levey had planned to volunteer for a year with the Israel Defense Forces before being offered the job as a speechwriter. The comedy, too, seems more contrived and less inventive than Garfinkel's clever prose.

Yet, Levey too, exhibits a complicated relationship with Israel, though it is not dealt with as overtly.

In between political critiques, we find Levey flying to Tel Aviv to enrol in a crash course in combat firearms, a loaded pistol, with its safety removed, jammed into his jeans. He finally realizes this identity tension, though belatedly, perhaps: "Outside of Israel, being a Jew seemed connected much more to religion and ritual than to the proud self-sufficiency and Jewish national identity on which Israel was originally founded. But now, throwing tables onto the floor … my arms aching from firing round after round of ammunition, I was beginning to realize that maybe this wasn't exactly my idea of Jewish identity either."

The book might have satisfied more curious minds had Levey chosen to include excerpts from speeches he wrote and, perhaps, some more detailed discussion of their evolution in precise instances beyond the hilarious, but, not entirely revealing, extended description of coaching Foreign Minister Silvan Shalom – not the best English speaker according to Levey – on how to pronounce "atonement" in a speech around Yom Kippur.

Despite these mild shortcomings, *Shut Up* is entertaining, charming and informative. It fits the bill for the thinking person's summer read.

Mira Sucharov is an associate professor of political science at Carleton University and the author of The International Self: Psychoanalysis and the Search for Israeli-Palestinian Peace *(SUNY Press, 2005).*

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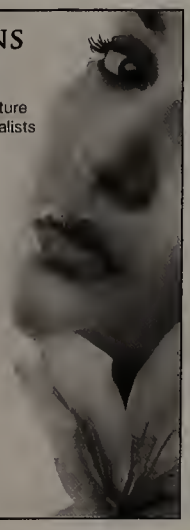

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Cindy Feingold

Turkey Burgers

This recipe comes from Chef Jeff O'Neill in Florida. Major Grey's Chutney is the secret ingredient in these burgers. It is available in some supermarkets in the Thai and Chinese condiment sections.

I found it at Your Independent Grocer in Smiths Falls. If you can't find it, any mango chutney would be a fine substitute. Major Grey's is already puréed. If your mango chutney is chunky, just be sure to purée it first.

This recipe makes eight burgers. If you need less, I suggest making the whole batch and freezing the uncooked ones to use another day. I would barbecue them frozen and just increase the grilling time by an additional seven to nine minutes.

Makes 8 Burgers

1/4 cup green onions (white part only), thinly sliced
1/2 cup celery, finely chopped
3 Granny Smith apples, peeled and diced
1/8 cup canola oil
4 pounds ground turkey breast
2 tablespoons salt
1 tablespoons black pepper
2 teaspoons Chipotle Tabasco
1 lemon, juice and grated zest
1/2 bunch parsley, finely chopped
1/4 cup Major Grey's Chutney

Sauté the scallions, celery and apples in the canola oil until tender. Let cool.

Place the ground turkey in a large mixing bowl. Add sautéed items and remaining ingredients. Shape into eight 8-ounce burgers. Refrigerate for at least two hours.

Season the turkey burgers with salt and pepper. Place on a preheated, lightly oiled grill. Grill each side for seven minutes until meat is thoroughly cooked. Let sit for five minutes before serving.

Serve burgers on toasted wholegrain buns with mayo and pickles.

Roger and I kicked off summer on Victoria Day weekend at the cottage. It was the first time in 18 years that we spent the Victoria Day weekend without our kids at the cottage. Nicky was away camping in the Yukon. Jamie was on a school trip to Washington and Jenna decided she did not want to be the main focus of both parents for an entire weekend. So she stayed in the city with friends. Although the weekend was cold and wet, I was not deterred. I put on my rain poncho and went outside to barbecue anyway.

I made turkey burgers on Sunday night. Because turkey is so lean, burgers made with ground turkey are usually dry. The trick to juicy turkey burgers is to put moist ingredients into the mix. As the burgers cook, these wet ingredients release their moisture into the burgers and keep the whole thing from getting too dry. I watched Chef Jeff O'Neill make these on Oprah's *Best of Summer* episode and was intrigued. He added sautéed apples, green onions and celery to the burgers. For an extra flavour kick, he also added mango chutney and Chipotle Tabasco. These turkey burgers are delicious. I served them with roasted spiced sweet potato wedges and coleslaw.

The final recipe is for spice rubbed rib steaks. Make sure you ask the butcher to cut the steaks at least one-and-a-half inches thick. One of these gargantuan steaks will feed two people. It is worthwhile investing in a separate coffee grinder just for doing spices, as the flavour and odour will transfer to coffee. You can pick up an inexpensive coffee grinder (under $30) just for this purpose. I use it all summer to prepare spice rubs for grilling meat and chicken and roasting vegetables.

Roasted Spiced Sweet Potato Wedges

This recipe comes from the January 2002 issue of *Gourmet* magazine.

Serves 4-6

1 teaspoon coriander seeds
1/2 teaspoon fennel seeds
1/2 teaspoon dried oregano
1/4 teaspoon dried hot red pepper flakes
(or more if you like it spicier)
1 teaspoon kosher salt
2 pounds medium sweet potatoes, washed and peeled
(or leave the peel on for more fiber)
3 tablespoons vegetable oil

Preheat oven to 425°F.

Coarsely grind coriander, fennel, oregano and red pepper flakes in an electric coffee/spice grinder or with a mortar and pestle. Stir spices and salt together.

Cut potatoes lengthwise into 1-inch wedges.

Toss wedges with oil and spices in a large roasting pan and roast in middle of oven for 20 minutes. Turn wedges over with a spatula and roast until tender and slightly golden, 15 to 20 minutes more.

Spiced Rubbed Rib Steaks

The best way to gauge the doneness of your steak is to use an instant-read thermometer. It should be inserted horizontally from the edge into the centre of the steak so that most of the thermometer is inserted into the steak. This spice rub recipe comes from *Cook's Illustrated Magazine*'s November 2006 issue.

Serves 4

2 rib steaks, each cut 1.5 inches thick
1 tablespoon black peppercorns
1 tablespoon white peppercorns
1 1/2 teaspoons coriander seed
1 1/2 teaspoons cumin seed
1/2 teaspoon red pepper flakes
1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon

In a small skillet, set over medium heat, toast peppercorns, coriander and cumin seeds for about five minutes, until just beginning to smell fragrant.

In a coffee/spice grinder, grind toasted peppercorns, cumin and coriander seeds, red pepper flakes and cinnamon to a fine powder.

Sprinkle 1 1/2 teaspoons spice powder over each rib steak. Gently massage mixture into steak to make sure it adheres. Turn steaks over and repeat on second side. Refrigerate steaks for at least 1 hour before grilling to allow flavours to penetrate meat.

Preheat gas grill on high for 10 minutes.

Grill steaks, uncovered over high heat for about four minutes per side. Turn the heat down to low and cover grill and continue cooking until steaks are done to your liking. For rare, cook an additional six minutes (120 degrees on an instant-read thermometer), for medium-rare cook an additional seven or eight minutes (130 degrees) and for medium cook about another eight to nine minutes (135 degrees). Let steaks rest for five minutes, and then cut meat off bone and slice steaks crosswise into one-third-inch thick slices.

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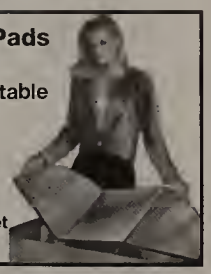

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Personal thoughts and feelings live on

Kid Lit

Deanna Silverman

Some children find pleasure and comfort in putting their thoughts and feelings on paper. That was true of Anne Frank, whose diary entries about her family's life in hiding during the Second World War became one of the earliest Holocaust books published. It remains one of the most important to this day.

It was also true of an Israeli girl, Bat-Chen Shahak, whose love of writing and drawing affords readers a rare opportunity to experience the inner world of a precocious, sensitive young girl living in a country that knows no peace.

Through their books, the thoughts and feelings of both girls, Anne Frank and Bat-Chen Shahak, live on.

The Bat-Chen Diaries
Selected Writings by Bat-Chen Shahak
Translated by Diana Rubanenko
Edited by Judyth Groner
Kar-Ben Publishing 2008
112 pages. Ages 10-14

Bat-Chen Shahak (1981-1996) lived in Tel-Mond, Israel, near Tel Aviv. She began expressing her thoughts and feelings in both free verse and prose at an early age. By age 10, she began keeping a formal, for-her-eyes-only, diary.

In that diary and its successors, Bat-Chen combined writings with drawings and doodles. She wrote about all the usual topics that occupy most children: friends, parents, siblings, grandparents, school, teachers, young love, disappointment, growing up, etc. She also wrote about specifically personal concerns, like her numerous ear surgeries and her appreciation for a particular ear specialist, and universal concerns, especially her heart-felt longing for true peace and coexistence with the Arabs and her attempt to understand the Holocaust.

Bat-Chen referred to her first diary as "a beautiful memento to my childhood." Little did this self-aware girl know how prophetic her statement would be. Tragically, Bat-Chen and two of her friends were among the 15 people killed by a suicide bomber in Tel Aviv's Dizengoff Center on her 15th birthday, Purim, March 1996.

Sometime after her death, Bat-Chen's family gathered her writings and drawings and offered them for publication. Excerpts have been published in Hebrew, and have been translated into Arabic, Japanese, Italian, Dutch, German, and, now, English. That, too, was in keeping with Bat-Chen's expressed wish to "stand out from the crowd, to do something different." Or, as she later wrote: "To create songs, songs that will lighten people's lives and make them look at problems from new perspectives."

Bat-Chen's writings are a beguiling mix of innocence and unexpected sophistication co-mingled with thoughts of death. Again and again, she returns to three fundamental themes. The first, that life is the greatest gift of all, a gift that no one has a right to take away. The second, repeats her mother's refrain that it is easy to make enemies but wiser to find friends. And the third, the importance of how we look at things.

In her own small way, Bat-Chen was an activist as well as a writer. In Grade 8, she became the pen pal of an Arab girl, Nidaa, who lives in a village near Petach Tikvah. A brief example of their correspondence is included in the book.

Additionally, Bat-Chen supported Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin's peace efforts. When he was murdered by a Jewish extremist, she sent his widow, Leah Rabin, a poignant, impassioned poem that's printed at the front of the book. Ironically, only a few months later, Bat-Chen, too, was murdered by the very enemy she had hoped to befriend.

Perhaps the most amazing aspect of the selected writings that make up *The Bat-Chen Diaries* is their unfailing integrity. Whether playful or serious, fearful or sad, thankful or angry, descriptive or emotional, Bat-Chen's writings depict a truth and honesty that is as constant, heart-felt, sincere and hopeful as her desire for peace and her love for her family, friends and the "sacred splendor of Jerusalem."

Translated by Diana Rubanenko

Photographs of Bat-Chen, her family and friends, her drawings and Hebrew script add a loving harmony to this very rare kind of book. Reading *The Bat-Chen Diaries* is not always easy, emotionally, but it is rewarding.

To Bat-Chen, and the Shahak family, this reviewer says, "Thank you for sharing."

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Fradkin publishes sixth book about Jewish police inspector

By Kinneret Globerman

As a nice Jewish boy-turned-cop, Inspector Michael Green is something of an anomaly in the Major Crimes Unit of the Ottawa Police Service. *Dream Chasers* is the latest of Ottawa author Barbara Fradkin's six mystery novels to feature the fictional detective.

Two of Fradkin's earlier books in the series have won the Arthur Ellis Award for Best Novel from the Crime Writers of Canada. She won in 2005 for *Fifth Son* and in 2007 for *Honour Among Men*.

"It's a tremendous affirmation," says the affable crime writer.

We're sitting in her dining room, sipping tea and catching up. When I first interviewed Fradkin for the *Bulletin* in 2003, she had just published *Once Upon a Time*, the second book in the Inspector Green series. She was living, then, in a large two-storey house in a west-end Ottawa suburb and working as a child psychologist in the public school system.

Four more books and cross-Canada tours later, Fradkin is now a part-time consultant for a mental health agency and considering full-time retirement. She's moved to the Westboro area into a smaller home.

It's quite a feat to have six titles under your belt, in the space of seven years, when you've got a full-time job.

The pace of promoting the first two books through tours, signings, readings and travel – while "lots of fun" – was just too hectic for Fradkin. She realized she couldn't maintain the pace and took early retirement from the Ottawa public school system.

Author Barbara Fradkin has released the sixth novel in her series about Jewish Ottawa Police Inspector Michael Green.

Consulting part-time in between the writing, she's been able to put more focus into her series, meeting her publisher's and her readers' expectations of a new book per year.

Yet, a series was never Fradkin's intention. She wrote the first draft of *Do or Die*, the first book in the series, before she discovered Capital Crime Writers (CCW).

The story centres on a graduate student found dead in an Ottawa library and introduces readers to Inspector Green. CCW helped her hone the manuscript and sort out its illogical parts. Fradkin still belongs to the CCW, and is part of a smaller critiquing group, the Ladies Killing Circle.

Fradkin was drawn to crime writing because she liked the intricacies and puzzles of the plots. As a psychologist, she also found they were a good way of examining human drama, crisis, relationships and conflict. And, while Ottawa is not the most exotic place to situate a police inspector – in fact, she has to downplay its location at book signings – readers enjoy the familiarity of the city's locales and neighbourhoods.

Fradkin also writes crime short stories successfully, having been a four-time nominee for the Arthur Ellis Award for Best Short Story; most recently, in 2007, for *Voices from the Deep*.

So, how does Fradkin set about writing her books?

"I usually decide on a theme, something I want to explore," she said. "Usually something that's bothered me over the years, a social or moral issue, and then I figure out what kind of story I can tell about it. I don't offer answers. I just explore."

Her explorations have included the Holocaust and war crimes in *Once Upon a Time*, student-teacher relationships, and allegations of sexual abuse, in *Mist Walker*, and family secrets in the Ottawa Valley in *Fifth Son*.

Honour Among Men was inspired by a speech given by Romeo Dallaire. Written in flashbacks and using diary excerpts as a literary technique, it centres on a crime committed in 1993 during the Canadian peacekeeping mission in Yugoslavia. While Fradkin is fond of all of her books, it is this one of which she is most proud.

Her latest book, *Dream Chasers*, deals with the struggles of famous young athletes and their coaches. Like all of her books, the plot to *Dream Chasers* is full of twists and turns. Fradkin says that sometimes her readers are just as surprised as she is at the ending. She never starts out with an outline, allowing the topic and the characters to take her on a journey of exploration.

Fradkin says she has at least one more Inspector Green in her. The publication date has been set for 2009. Her publisher is banking on it and so are her readers.

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Rubin Friedman

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First, you eat a full meal that includes chicken soup, knishes, *knaidlech* and pickled tongue. Then, take a nap on the couch. When you wake up fully relaxed, listen to some Yiddish records and you'll be amazed. It'll all make sense.

But, if your family is not originally from Eastern Europe, the only thing that will help is painful and careful study. Just like learning Latin.

Or you might try coming to the upcoming Die Folkshpieler production of *Mishpocha Mishegos* on June 22 at 2 pm at the Soloway JCC.

The title means "family craziness" and if you have relatives who won't talk to each other – but no one remembers why, just that they can never sit together at a Bar Mitzvah or wedding – then you know what kind of *mishegas* we're talking about.

It was written by Shirley Steinberg, the founder and driving force behind Die Folkshpieler and no, she did not spy on your family.

The play deals with life and death issues like whether it is better to speak like a Litvak or a Galitzyaner. Is that vowel an 'a' or an 'i'? People have fought duels over these issues.

There is a scene in the play where a professor tries to teach a Galitzyane woman how to speak correctly. It sounds suspiciously like *My Fair Lady* in Yiddish. Come and find out.

I play a henpecked husband, Shmielke, who is afraid to speak with his wife around. As he explains to the prospective bridegroom, an actor, "After you get married, in the theatre of your home, you get to play a very small part with no lines."

Shmielke does get some vindication as an auctioneer selling off 'historical items' to raise money for charity. For, what else? Widows and orphans.

Shmielke has a particular style – I would say a Yiddish style – in selling things. For your edification, here is a sample of his way of talking. It's translated into English, but retains some of the original flavour:

"Ladies and gentlemen and other people present. I have an object to sell you whose value is unbelievable. It's an object beyond price. You can't pay money for an object like this. Well, you couldn't pay money for it in a store, but if you give me an offer, how could I refuse to sell it to you?

This object is a cap that was worn by the taxi driver who drove the Dalai Lama to the airport. As the Dalai Lama was sitting behind the driver, maybe he spit a little on the cap, or would that make him Dalai Llama?

Anyway, this cap, as I said, is beyond price, beyond monetary value. As the man who donated it said, 'this cap is so far beyond price I can't even give it away.'

And here you have the chance to purchase this invaluable cap for a low, low bid of even five dollars.

Look at this cap. Its blue colour is perfect for it. As if they were married. Well OK, not married, but made for each other. So what if it is a little faded? You just put a little blue shoe polish and it'll look like new.

As for the stains, if you wear the hat on dark days, they're almost hard to see by the naked eye.

If it's a tight fit, just use a little grease and it'll slide off like butter.

If it's too big, one or two socks should fill it out nicely.

Sold! For the bargain price of six dollars!"

That is my Yiddish lesson for today. To test your comprehension, come see *Mishpocha Mishegos*.

Speculation about the Israeli Air Force, Syria and Iran

Global Shtetl

Saul Silverman

A few months ago, many of us saw the *60 Minutes* segment about the Israeli Air Force (IAF) and its role in a possible strike against the Iranian nuclear threat. The recent news that the Israeli and Syrian governments have both officially acknowledged that they are negotiating a possible peace treaty under the auspices of Turkey suggests another dimension to the Israel-Syria-Iran conundrum.

If negotiations move forward to a successful conclusion, will Israel (and other countries) acquire a protective interest in the survival of the Bashir al-Assad regime in Syria? Might the ironic conclusion of a successful gamble – and right now, it is still a gamble – be that an agreement with Syria, which helps stabilize Israel's northern border and undermines Hezbollah, also leads to a confrontation with Iran in defence of a Syrian peace partner against Iranian efforts to engineer regime change in Damascus and retaliate against a renegade partner?

Both as a deterrent, and as an aid to negotiations, what the world has heard and seen of the IAF in this context is the equivalent of an exclamation point at the end of a sentence! It is intended to add emphasis, and to draw attention to a message or signal that Israel is sending.

Information that is publicly available on the Internet, from reliable sources, enables us to put this message in perspective. First, we need a better sense of what the IAF resources are (a capabilities analysis); and then, under what set of contingencies might these resources come into play given the situation over the next six months or so?

Besides the *60 Minutes* video, I turned to a number of reliable sources on the military side of the question. The weapons systems that are available resulted from decisions made by the Israeli authorities in the mid-1990s to beef up Israel's long strategic reach. Between 1998 and 2003, two special Israeli modifications of air superiority weapons systems came into service: Boeing's F15I (the "I" stands for the Israeli modification; this version of the plane is known as *Raam* – Thunder) and the Lockheed F16I (*Sufa* – Storm), both heavily loaded with advanced electronics.

Anthony Cordesman, a well-known American specialist on Middle Eastern security and military matters, has written an extensive critical comparison of scenarios for Israeli and/or American pre-emption in regard to the Iranian nuclear threat.

This basic notion is not novel. In 1964, even in the outer circles of arms control analysis, there was awareness that the Soviets had tried back channel approaches to the Americans about a joint raid to 'take out' Chinese nuclear capabilities, but the Americans had refused to be drawn in. Though Iran today would not be as difficult to deal with as China was even then, the problems involved in any pre-emptive strike would be intimidating, and, probably, prohibitive.

If a military solution as such seems problematic, what goal might be realistically pursued in the near-term by the military message that was being signaled and demonstrated (e.g., by the raid on Syrian weapons facilities)? It seemed to me, some time ago – and, of course, this was pure speculation – that a *political* objective was being sought.

I thought it was no coincidence that this message was being delivered when indirect negotiations with Syria – through the Turks – were reaching a key point. Syria's Bashar al-Assad had to realize that such a deal would be a loss to Iran and that the Iranians would likely react. So, if Assad was really moving ahead on a deal, he would want some sort of assurance that there would be a protective deterrence in place to checkmate Iran.

Let us hope that we are, indeed, moving ahead to the best of times, a significant increase in Israel's peace and security. But, we should realize that even such a happy conclusion might increase Israeli obligations and risks because Israeli security concerns will increasingly mean interacting with wider efforts to stabilize a dangerous neighborhood.

Websites

60 Minutes report: *tinyurl.com/5jjz5e*
JTA report on Israel-Syria talks: *tinyurl.com/54qvrp*
F15I: *tinyurl.com/5qv33c*
F16I: *tinyurl.com/6dq4v*
Anthony Cordesman's speculative analysis: *tinyurl.com/5m8xar*
Anthony Cordesman's update on weaponry scenarios: *tinyurl.com/6dgjb7*

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WEEKLY EVENTS

SUNDAYS

Heading Somewhere – The Book of Numbers, sponsored by Chapters and the Ottawa Torah Centre Chabad, Chapters Pinecrest, 2735 Iris Street, 7:30 pm. Info: 613-843-0497.

TUESDAYS

Israeli Folkdancing, no experience or partner necessary, Hillel Academy, 31 Nadolny Sachs Private, 6:30 pm. Info: 613-729-2090

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18

Let's Do Lunch – "Preventing Falls" with Susan Girard, RN, monthly program for seniors sponsored by Jewish Family Services and Agudath Israel Congregation, 1400 Coldrey Avenue, 12:00 pm. Info: 613-728-3501.

An Evening of Bubbles & Bites, 50th anniversary celebration of Congregation Beth Shalom, 151 Chapel Street, 6:00 pm. All welcome. Info: 613-789-3501, ext. 223.

Young Couple BBQ, sponsored by Jewish Education through Torah, 94 Summerwalk Place, 6:30 pm. Info: 613-798-9818, ext. 247.

FRIDAY, JUNE 20

Shabbat Trip to New York for Young Adults, sponsored by JET. Info: 613-798-9818, ext. 247.

SUNDAY, JUNE 22

Annual Brunch, sponsored by the Jewish War Veterans of Ottawa, with historian and author Nathan M Greenfield who will speak on the Battle of Ypres, Agudath Israel Synagogue, 1400 Coldrey Avenue, 11:00 am. Info: 613-231-4046.

"Mishpoche Mishegas" (Family Folbies), directed by Shirley Greenberg and presented by Die Folkshpieler, 2:00 pm. Info: 613-798-9818, ext. 254.

"The Wise Men of Chelm," presented by the Dora Wasserman Yiddish Theatre in Montreal, sponsored by Jewish Family Services; bus transportation provided. Info: 613-722-2225, ext. 325.

Documentary film "Orthodox Stance," by Jason Hutt, a portrait of Dmitry Salita, Ukrainian immigrant, professional boxer and religious Jew, and his determination to blend these aspects of his life; sponsored by SJCC, Ottawa Torah Center Chabad and the Jewish Federation of Ottawa Young Adults Division, 7:30 pm. Info: 613-798-9818, ext. 263.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25

L'Hitraot to Israeli Ambassador Alan and Dalia Baker, sponsored by State of Israel Bonds and Canadian Friends of Hebrew University, dessert reception, Congregation Agudath Israel, 1400 Coldrey Avenue, 7:30 pm. Info: 613-792-1142 or 613-829-3150.

THURSDAY, JUNE 26

Tamir Annual General Meeting, Congregation Agudath Israel, 1400 Coldrey Avenue, 6:30 pm. Info: 613-725-3519.

FRIDAY, JUNE 27

Seniors' Spring Picnic, sponsored by Jewish Family Services, Brittania Park Trolley Station, rain or shine, 11:00 am. Info: 613-722-2225, ext. 325.

THURSDAY, JULY 3

The Kibbitz Club, sponsored by Jewish Family Services, seniors luncheon and entertainment, Congregation Beth Shalom, 151 Chapel Street, 12:00 pm. Info: 613-789-3501, ext. 223.

SUNDAY, JULY 6

Yarchei Kallah opening dinner honouring Rabbi and Mrs. Micah Shotkin, sponsored by JET and the SJCC, with speaker Rabbi Label Lam on "The Good, The Bad, and The Ugly: Reconciling the Inner and Outer Persona," launches week-long Torah Study program, 7:00 pm. Info: 613-798-9818, ext. 247.

MONDAY, JULY 7

15th Annual Jewish Federation of Ottawa Golf Tournament, Rideau View Country Club, Manotick, 11:00 am. Info: 613-798-4696, ext. 241.

TUESDAY, JULY 8

Death by Chocolate, JETsetters dinner for young adults aged 20-40, "The Male/Female Dynamic" by Rabbi Label Lam, 893 Denison, 5:00 pm. Info: 613-798-9818, ext. 247.

SUNDAY, JULY 13

Jewish Youth Library Lecture, Yehudah Avner honouring the 14th Yahrzeit of the Lubovitch Rebbe, 7:30 pm. Info: 613-729-7712.

CANDLELIGHTING BEFORE

Jun 20	✡	8:37 pm
Jun 27	✡	8:37 pm
Jul 4	✡	8:36 pm
Jul 11	✡	8:33 pm
Jul 18	✡	8:27 pm

COMING SOON

SUNDAY, JULY 27
Caving Day, sponsored by Jewish Education through Torah, cave tour, transportation and lunch, 11:00 am. Must RSVP by July 23. Info: 613-798-9818, ext. 247.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27
Sid Rothman Memorial Golf Tournament, Cedarhill Golf & Country Club. Info: 613-727-5418.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21
Jewish Federation of Ottawa Women's Campaign Luncheon with Paper Clip project creator Linda Hooper, Congregation Beth Shalom, 151 Chapel Street. Info: 613-798-4696, ext. 270.

Unless otherwise noted, activities take place at The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nadolny Sachs Private.

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